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Letter to William Stern regarding SEAALL Annual Meeting, March 26, 1969

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Mr. William B. Stern
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Dear Mr. Stern:

The delay in answering your letter of March 6 concerning our invitation to you to visit the Southeastern Chapter was occasioned by my desire to have our Chapter officers' confidential comments upon your inquiry.

If I may summarize their comment as well as my own, I would say that the consensus still is that it is more desirable to have the President of AALL as a Chapter visitor. While recognizing the value to the President-Elect of preliminary association with Chapter members, we feel that meeting with the President so early in his term is of value to the Chapter on a current information-wise basis. Also, if the President obtains comments or suggestions he deems of value, these could be passed on to the Executive Committee and/or the President-Elect. There was some doubt as to the usefulness to the President-Elect of a knowledge of individual members re committee appointments since we assume that this is dictated partly by individual committee preferences. One suggestion concerning budget was that, while we prefer annual visits, perhaps an every other year visit by the President would ease the financial burden on the Association. Another thought is that, when previous commitments or distance from the Chapter make it more feasible, the President might designate the President-Elect to make some of the visits.

We fully recognize that you are in a better position to see the overall picture and the various problems involved and so offer these comments for what they are worth in arriving at a decision. We hope they are helpful and may I say that we appreciate your request for our opinion.

Sincerely,

Sarah Leverette, President
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